REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicant amended Claims 1, 8 and 15 and has canceled Claims 2, 9 and 16. In the telephone interview with the Examiner on August 23, 2006, the Examiner indicated that dependent Claims 4 and 5 included allowable subject in combination with independent Claim 1. In order to expedite issuance, the Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 with allowable subject matter. Additionally, the Applicant has canceled dependent Claims 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19 without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3, 6-8, 10, 13-15, 17 and 20-21 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,201,971 to Purnadi, *et al.*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,974,460 to Maddalozzo. Independent Claims 1, 8 and 15, however, have been amended with subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable. As such, the present rejection is now moot. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection of independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 and the pending Claims that depend thereon.

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II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims

currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits

a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 3, 6-8, 10, 13-15, 17 and 20-21.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at

(972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account

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